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DIRECTORY.

We are pleased to publish the following directory for the benefit of our citizens and visitors, and to insure correctness the News should be promptly notified when changes occur.

TOWN OFFICERS.

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MAIL SERVICE.

Mails Close.
Going East, - 8:40 a. m., 3:15 p. m.
Closed mail for Portland and Boston, 8 p. m.
Mails Arrive.
From East, - 1:50 a. m., 4:50 p. m.
From West, - 9:15 a. m., 3:45 p. m.

CHURCHES.

Methodist Episcopal, Main street, Rev. W. B. Eldridge, Pastor. Sunday—Prayer meeting, 10 a. m.; Preaching service, 10:45 a. m.; Sunday school, 12 m.; Junior League, 3 p. m.; Epworth League, 6:15 p. m.; Prayer meeting, 7 p. m. Tuesday—Class meeting, 7:30 p. m. Friday—Prayer meeting, 7:30 p. m.

Universalist, Church street, Rev. F. E. Barton, Pastor. Sunday—Preaching service, 10:45 a. m.; Sunday school, 12 m.; Y. P. C. U., 7 p. m.

Congregational, Church street, Rev. Arthur Varley, Pastor. Sunday—Preaching service, 10:45 a. m.; Sunday school, 12 m.; Y. P. C. U., 7 p. m.

Union Church, West Bethel, supplied by Rev. Arthur Varley and Rev. F. E. Barton. Sunday—Preaching, 2:30 p. m.; Sunday school, 3:30 p. m.

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FRATERNAL ORDERS.

Bethel Lodge, No. 97, F. & A. M., N. E. Richardson, W. M.; W. E. Abbott, S. W.; H. C. Rowe, J. W.; M. W. Chandler, Treas.; D. G. Lovejoy, Sec. Meets second Thursday of each month.

Sunset Rebekah Lodge, I. O. O. F., No. 64—Martha A. Gibson, N. G.; Alice J. Farwell, V. G.; Jane H. Gibson, Rec. Sec.; Marcella Hastings, Fin. Sec.; Ellen M. Burbank, Treas. Meets first and third Monday of each month.

Bethel Lodge, No. 27, J. O. U. A. M., C. O. Foster, C.; S. A. Gibson, R. S.; F. J. Tyler, F. S.; Harry Jordan, Treas. Meets the second and fourth Tuesday in each month.

Brown Post, No. 84, G. A. R.—Ira Jordan, P. C.; A. M. True, Adj. Meets the first and third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p. m.

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The LOCAL NEWS.

Items of Interest Picked Up About Town by the News Man.

Arthur Wiley spent Sunday at home.

Dr. Norman J. Gehring spent Sunday in Bethel.

Miss P. M. Buxton made a short visit in Portland, last week.

Geo. Lawrence is having a new floor put into his store on Main St. New chimneys are being put into the residence of Dr. Hill on Main St.

Gilman Chapman returned Saturday from an extended visit in New Hampshire and Vermont.

Gen. A. S. Twitchell of Gorham, N. H., was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Walton Wight, last Sunday.

Mrs. Clifton O. Foster spent last week in Portland, and attended the Music Festival.

Mrs. O. M. Mason is visiting her son, Mr. L. M. Mason, at his home in Woodfords.

Miss Fannie Capen has been working at Dr. Hill's during her sister's absence in Portland.

L. B. Hopkins has resigned his position with the Putnam Nail Co. and is working for the Bethel Manufacturing Co.

Mr. O. F. Twitchell of Portland, who is spending a few weeks at his farm in East Bethel, was in our village, Monday.

Mrs. A. M. Farwell returned to her home in Bethel, last Monday, after a three weeks' visit in Boston and vicinity.

Mrs. Walter Fickett and son of Stroudwater spent Sunday with Mrs. Fickett's mother, Mrs. A. M. Merrill.

Leavitt Institute vs. Gould's Academy at Riverside Park next Saturday, at 1:30 p. m. 20 cents admission.

Wheelock Davis of Roxbury, Mass., and Miss Emily Davis of Washington, D. C., were in town Saturday, called here by the critical illness of their mother.

Horace Foster and L. U. Bartlett had a collision on Church street, during the thunder-storm, last Friday night. Slight damage was done to both wagons.

Warren Emery has got to work on his logging jobs good and early. He now has twenty men working at Dead Diamond river. He went up last week with a large load of supplies and tools.

Samuel Moore and wife of Portland, have moved into C. M. Wormell's house on Main St. Mr. Moore has been in very poor health for some time, and comes here for the purpose of testing the healthfulness of our climate.

A coaching party of about a dozen persons, passed through our village last Saturday, toward Gorham. They are taking the trip from New York to Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and the White Mts.

Last Thursday afternoon Dr. Twaddle responded to a telephone message, calling him to Upton, to attend A. M. Coolidge, who was suffering from a gun shot wound. The ball had entered his side over the heart and breaking a rib went down and came out his back, tearing a monstrous rent. The doctor reported him in a dangerous condition.

A. W. Meserve, recently of this place, who has lately been with H. H. Hay & Son, Portland, has bought a drug business in Kennebunk. F. P. Bartlett of East Bethel, who went from this place to J. E. Gould & Co's, Portland, is to clerk for Mr. Meserve. These two have many friends and well wishers in Bethel, who will surely be glad to hear of their new enterprise.

Mr. L. B. Hopkins brought a raspberry branch to our office this week, which has grown entirely during the past season. The branch contained several ripe raspberries recently ripened, and there are other shoots, which have come up since last spring, which contain blossoms at the present time.

W. S. Wight is in town.

Chester Wheeler is in town.

Wilfred Bowler was in Lewiston yesterday.

Mrs. Florence Holt has returned from Portland.

Mrs. Mary Garland has gone to New Hampshire to visit relatives.

Rev. Henry Farrar of Gilead was in our village Saturday forenoon.

Mr. Edmund Holt is confined to his house by illness.

Mrs. Ruby Reed of Portland is visiting at Moses Mason's.

Mrs. Bean of Locke Mills is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ira Jordan.

E. C. Bowler is in Lewiston today.

Mrs. Benson is visiting in Boston.

Frank A. Leach visited his mother at Gorham, N. H., last Sunday.

A. Van Den Kerckhoven spent last week at the Rangeleys, returning home Saturday.

Mrs. O. L. Stone of Locke Mills visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Abbott, last week.

Mrs. O. M. Mason is attending the Federation of Women's Clubs at Rockland this week.

Another collection of raspberries, ripe and fresh was brought in yesterday by John W. Swan.

Mrs. Porter Farwell, son and daughter of East Bethel visited Portland last week.

Judge Herrick, E. C. Park, Esq., and H. H. Hastings, Esq., attended court at So. Paris, yesterday.

The Ladies' Auxiliary held an interesting meeting Wednesday afternoon.

Word has been received of the serious illness of Mrs. Sarah Davis, who was visiting her sister, Mrs. John Rice of North Waterford.

Mr. Herbert Hutchinson's family will occupy Mr. John Swan's rent when he moves to Massachusetts.

Don't forget the Annual Harvest Fair to be held by the ladies of the M. E. Society, at Pattee Hall, tomorrow afternoon and evening.

Mrs. A. J. Snow and son George, who have been visiting Mrs. Snow's sister, Mrs. E. C. Bowler, left for Hardwick, Vt., last Saturday.

Ceylon Rowe has a full assortment of Ladies' Winter Suits, Jackets and Waists, and Undergarments of all sizes and qualities. The prices the lowest.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. J. B. Chapman, Thursday afternoon. The members are especially requested to be present as this will be an annual meeting.

The W. C. T. U. will be postponed one week on account of the Congregational Conference to meet in Norway next week. The Union will meet with Mrs. L. T. Barker, Tuesday, Oct. 23.

J. S. Hutchins, Levi Bartlett, and Geo. K. Hastings are serving as jurors at this term of court. Mr. Hutchins serves on the grand jury, and Mr. Bartlett and M. Hastings on the traverse.

Please remember that Smiley Shoe Store, Norway, carries more footwear than can be found in any two stores in the County, and one of the largest lines in the State. Go there for your Boots, Shoes, Rubbers, Trunks, Bags, and Suit-cases.

A ten-cent social will be held at the Universalist chapel, Friday evening, Oct. 19, under the auspices of the Y. P. C. U. Every effort will be made to make it a pleasant occasion. Come and have a good time.

Mrs. G. R. Wiley went to Deer- ington yesterday, to attend the Universalist Convention at that place, from which she will go to Rockland to attend the Maine Federation of Women's Clubs, as president of the Bethel Federation.

The winter time schedule of the G. T. R. went into effect last Monday. The only noticeable changes are as follows: The early morning train for Portland leaves Bethel at 5:14 instead of 4:12 as before; the second morning train leaves at 8:45 instead of 9:08 and the night train from Portland arrives at 9:03 instead of 11:00.

Mrs. C. M. Kimball of East Bethel attended the Music Festival at Portland, last week, and visited her brother, F. A. Bartlett, at Gardiner, also her sister, Mrs. W. S. Wight, at Augusta. Mrs. Kimball had not seen her sister for over a year and was very much pleased with her improved condition.

Mr. Albert Ward died at his home on Clark St., Saturday morning, after an illness of several months. Mr. Ward was the son of Simon and Harriet Seavey Ward, and was forty-two years old. He was twice married, his first wife being Miss Osgood of Bethel, and his second wife, Miss Matilda Ward of Milan, N. H., who survives him.

Mr. Ward had been a faithful workman at the chair factory for years, until failing health compelled him to give up work. Funeral services were held at his late home Monday afternoon, Rev. F. E. Barton speaking words of comfort. One brother, Clement Ward, who now resides in this village, is the only surviving member of the family which resided here for many years.

The following are among those from Bethel, who were in Portland, last week, the most of whom attended the Festival:

Mr. E. B. Goddard.
Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Twaddle.
Mrs. Ella Carter.
Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Edwards.
Rev. Arthur Varley.
Mr. E. C. Bowler.
Mrs. A. E. Herrick and daughter Miriam.

Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Gehring.
Miss Alma Gehring.
Miss Anna Carlson.
Mr. E. C. Rowe.
Miss Alice Purington.
Miss Belle Purington.
Miss Mabel Rand.
Miss Winona Bartlett.
Miss Grace Chapman.
Miss Mildred Tuell.
Mrs. F. B. Tuell.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Chamberlain.
Miss Alice Chamberlain.
Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Davis.
Mr. and Mrs. Ira W. Bean.
Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Grover.
Misses Minnie and Alice Capen.
Mrs. A. C. Frost.
Mrs. D. S. Hastings.
Mrs. T. F. Hastings.
Mrs. Irving French.
Miss Joan Stearns.
Miss Fannie Mason.
Miss Jessie Philbrook.
Miss Maud Merrow.
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Chapman.
Sheriff C. M. Wormell.
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Thurston.
Mr. and Mrs. C. Bisbee.
Mrs. W. F. Kendall.
Mr. H. C. Rowe.
Mr. Herman Mason.
Mrs. H. M. Farwell.
Dana Grover.

Lillian True Bryant on the Maine Festivals.

All who have made a practical manifestation of their public spirit by lending a helping hand to the great Maine Festivals, will read with interest the illustrated article upon this subject by Lillian True Bryant in the October number of the National Magazine. The article relates to the scores of talented, music-loving people in the choruses; to their earnest efforts and unmentioned self-sacrifice, rather than merely the climax which comes at the end of the year's work in the form of the all-inspiring festivals. Mrs. Bryant is well known in musical circles throughout the State, having inherited unusual gifts for teaching from her distinguished father, the late Dr. Nathaniel True of Bethel, Maine. She is a sister of John Preston True, the author, and is the wife of a prominent Bangor physician.—Portland Daily Press.

GOULD'S ACADEMY ITEMS.

Miss Purington attended the Music Festival at Portland, last Friday.

Arthur Watson spent Sunday with his parents at Randolph, N. H.

The members of the Junior class declaimed before the school last Friday. The Sophomores and Freshmen next Friday.

Miss Gertrude Coolidge went to her home in Upton, last Saturday, to be with her father who was accidentally shot last week.

The following students attended the Music Festival at Portland, last week: Mildred Tuell, Winona Bartlett, Grace Chapman, Miriam Herrick and Belle Purington.

All who want season tickets or single tickets for the foot-ball games this season, will do well to apply to W. W. Holmes. There will be three games at least, and possibly four.

The foot-ball team had a game arranged with Berlin High school, to be played at Riverside Park, last Saturday afternoon, but for some unforeseen reason they were unable to come, but we hope the game will be played here before long. G. A. plays with Leavitt Institute at Riverside Park, next Saturday. A good game is anticipated. Better come.

Report of Committee on Resolutions.

We, the teachers of Oxford County, in convention assembled at Dixfield, Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 1 and 2, hereby offer the following resolutions: Be it

Resolved: That we express to the citizens of Dixfield our hearty appreciation of the kind hospitality with which they have entertained us during our fall convention, and tender to them our sincere thanks.

Resolved: That we fittingly thank the officers of this convention for the highly efficient manner in which all the details of the convention have been executed.

Resolved: That to State Supt. Stetson, whose untiring zeal and up-to-date methods have done so much for the cause of education in our State, and to all other speakers who have inspired us with their utterances, our heartiest thanks be extended.

Resolved: That we give a vote of thanks to the lines of railroad for their courtesy in reducing their rates for our benefit. Be it further

Resolved: That these resolutions be inscribed upon the records of convention and that copies be sent for publication to the county papers:

V. M. WHITMAN, } Committee
MISS A. H. PRINCE, } on
MISS I. M. RUSSELL, } Resolutions.

True's Specialty Company.

True's Specialty Company played last night to rather a small house, partly due to the lack of interest in the people, and partly to conservatism. The entertainment consisted of songs, dancing, and instrumental music, imitating the performances given by the specialty companies at the various summer parks.

The features of the evening were the trained dogs of Prof. Litz, and the pictures reproduced by the bioscope. The enthusiasm began with the picture of Rear Admiral Schley and reached a climax when Pres. McKinley's picture was thrown on the screen. Nearly every person in the house responded with hearty applause. The moving pictures were also highly appreciated.

There will be a change of program to-night, introducing many new specialties, and the eleventh round of the Jeffries-Fitzsimmons fight, when the knock-out blow was given, will be reproduced by the bioscope.

As the people were pleased with the entertainment last night we trust that they will return to-night and bring their friends.

Plymouth Rocks.

I have for sale a fine lot of Plymouth Rock Cockerels, which if sold at once, will be sold reasonably. J. S. Hutchins.

Wanted.

Violin pupils, also amateurs to join string orchestra. For terms and particulars, address Miss Florence E. Chipman, Gorham, N. H.

The News acknowledges the receipt of a fine picture of the "Wayside Inn," Sudbury, Mass., sent by O. K. Fox of Haverhill, Mass.

Columbian Club.

The Columbian Club has decided to make an innovation in its methods of work during the coming year, and while pursuing the same ideals and keeping the same standards in view, will use some practical means which it is hoped will increase the value of the work to the present members, and will serve as an attraction to new ones.

It is proposed that it be turned into a study club during the afternoons upon which the club meets. Recognizing the fact that there are almost none among us who have much undisturbed leisure for study, it has been suggested that to study topics together would be a stimulating and helpful method of gaining information and increasing our interest in subjects which few of us have the courage to undertake alone.

It is not intended that the time spent together shall assume the form of a recitation. No direct questions will be asked, but the club members will be encouraged to "raise their hands." It is hoped that no one will hereafter remain away because of a want of preparation from lack of time. This method is adopted in order that the general knowledge will supply any gaps. We shall meet to learn not to parade our possible knowledge.

Those who feel grateful for the help the Columbian Club has been to them, earnestly desire to make it assume a most attractive form with the hope that our young, as well as older ladies will recognize its value and come into its life. As this Club represents the village life, its members look longingly at those not in its circle, whose presence would add inspiration and charm, and to all our reading, thinking, aspiring women who have not yet come among us, we extend at the beginning of a new epoch in the life of the Club, a most cordial welcome.

It is proposed to take Florence as a text for the winter's study, as this famous city will serve as a centre from which will radiate lessons upon history, literature and art, thus we hope, meeting the wishes of many who are not particularly interested in one topic alone. Mrs. Oliphant's "Makers of Florence" will be used as a text-book, and from this book the leader of each week's topics will branch into as many channels as possible.

To add to the winter's pleasure, the Columbian Club will give three "Gentlemen's Nights" which will condense the talent of the club socially with the possible further attraction of outside talent.

The next meeting will be on Friday afternoon at the home of the secretary, Miss Annie Frye, at 3 p. m. All desirous of becoming members are cordially invited to attend this first meeting.

Reception.

Last Thursday evening the members of the Universalist church and parish tendered a reception to Rev. F. E. Barton and wife, who had just returned from a month's vacation.

A large number of the village people gathered to greet the much loved pastor and his wife, and the good cheer and hearty hand clasps must have shown them what a warm place they hold in the hearts of not only the members of their own society, but the community as well.

The chapel and parlors were prettily decorated with autumn foliage. Refreshments of coffee, cocoa and cake, were served by the young ladies of the parish.

Annual Harvest Fair.

The ladies of the M. E. Society will hold their annual Harvest Fair and supper at Pattee's Hall on Thursday afternoon and evening, Oct. 11. Articles both useful and ornamental, will be offered for sale.

A novelty of this year's fair will be a burlesque art gallery, in charge of Mrs. Walton Wight. "A little nonsense now and then is relished by the best of men."

In the evening Miss Brightman, elocution teacher at Gould's Academy, will read "The Naming of the Minor Prophets," by Marion Haskell. Ice cream for sale.

GOOD SHORT STORIES

TO APPEAR IN

The News



The Adventure of the Achinese Pirates

BY WILLIAM MURRAY GRAYDON

This is one of a series of short stories by authors of high reputation that we will publish soon. The others are:

- Mr. Ledbetter's Vacation By H. G. Wells
The Promotion at Rocky Ledge By Elmore E. Peake
The King Can Do No Wrong By Clinton Ross
The Conversion of Sweet Grass By W. A. Fraser
In Jackson's Purchase By Martha McCulloch Williams
The Peacemaker By W. W. Jacobs
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MR. LEDBETTER'S VACATION

BY H. G. WELLS.

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Horrible thought! This was possibly the late comer's room! Not a moment was to be lost! Mr. Ledbetter stooped beside the bed, thanked heaven for a valance and crawled within its protection not ten seconds too soon. He became motionless on hands and knees. The advancing candlelight appeared through the thinner stitches of the fabric, the shadows ran wildly about and became rigid as the candle was put down.

"Lord, what a day!" said the newcomer, blowing noisily and seeming to deposit some heavy burden on what Mr. Ledbetter, judging by the feet, decided to be a writing table. The unseen then went to the door and locked it, examined the fastenings of the windows carefully and pulled down the blinds and, returning, sat down upon the bed with a startling ponderosity.

"What a day!" he said. "Good Lord!" and blew again, and Mr. Ledbetter inclined to believe that the person was mopping his face. His boots were good stout boots, the shadows of his legs upon the valance suggesting a formidable stoutness of aspect. After a time he removed some upper garments—a coat and waistcoat. Mr. Ledbetter inferred—and, casting them over the rail of the bed, remained breathing less noisily and, as it seemed, cooling from a considerable temperature. At intervals he muttered to himself, and once he laughed softly. And Mr. Ledbetter muttered to himself, but he did not laugh. "Of all the foolish things!" said Mr. Ledbetter. "What on earth am I to do now?"

His outlook was necessarily limited. The minute apertures between the stitches of the fabric of the valance admitted a certain amount of light, but permitted no peeping. The shadows upon this curtain, save for those sharply defined legs, were enigmatical and intermingled confusingly with the florid patterning of the chintz. Beneath the edge of the valance a strip of carpet was visible, and by cautiously depressing his eye Mr. Ledbetter found that this strip broadened until the whole area of the floor came into view. The carpet was a luxurious one, the room spacious and, to judge by the casters and trimmings of the furniture, well equipped.

What he should do he found it difficult to imagine. To wait until this person had gone to bed and then, when he seemed to be sleeping, to creep to the door, unlock it and bolt heading for that balcony seemed the only possible thing to do. Would it be possible to jump from the balcony? The danger of it! When he thought of the chances against him, Mr. Ledbetter despaired. He was within an ace of thrusting forth his head beside the gentleman's legs, coughing, if necessary, to attract his attention and then smiling, apologizing and explaining his unfortunate intrusion by a few well chosen sentences. But he found these sentences hard to choose. "No doubt, sir, my appearance is peculiar," or, "I trust, sir, you will pardon my somewhat ambiguous appearance from beneath you," was about as much as he could get.

Grave possibilities forced themselves on his attention. Suppose they did not believe him, what would they do to him? Would his unblemished high character count for nothing? Technically he was a burglar beyond dispute. Following out this train of thought he was composing a lucid apology for "this technical crime I have committed" to be delivered before sentence in the dock when the stout gentleman got up and began walking about the room. He locked and unlocked drawers, and Mr. Ledbetter had a transient hope that he might be undressing. But, no! He seated himself at the writing table and began to write and then tear up documents. Presently the smell of burning cream laid mingled with the odor of cigars in Mr. Ledbetter's nostrils.

"The position I had assumed," said Mr. Ledbetter, when he told me of these things, "was in many respects an ill advised one. A transverse bar beneath the bed depressed my head unduly and threw a disproportionate share of my weight upon my hands. After a time I experienced what is called, I believe, a crick in the neck. The pressure of my hand on the coarsely stitched carpet speedily became painful. My knees, too, were painful, my trousers being drawn tightly over them. At that time I wore rather higher collars than I do now—two and a half inches in fact—and I discovered, what I had not remarked before, that the edge of the one I wore was frayed slightly under the chin. But much worse than these things was an itching of my face, which I could only relieve by violent grimacing—I tried to raise my hand, but the rustle of the sleeve alarmed me. After a time I had to desist from this relief also, because—happily in time—I discovered that my facial contortions were shifting my glasses down my nose. Their fall would of course have exposed me, and as it was they came to rest in an oblique position of by no means stable equilibrium. In addition I had a slight cold, and an intermittent desire to sneeze or sniff caused me inconvenience. In fact, quite apart from the extreme anxiety of my position, my physical discomfort became in a short time



"You scoundrell! What the devil possessed you to come here tonight?"

very considerable indeed. But I had to stay there motionless nevertheless." After an interminable time there began a chinking sound. This deepened into a rhythm, chink, chink, chink—25 chinks—a rap on the writing table and a grunt from the owner of the stout legs. It dawned upon Mr. Ledbetter that this chinking was the chinking of gold. He became incredulously curious as it went on. His curiosity grew. Already, if that was the case, this extraordinary man must have counted some hundreds of pounds. At last Mr. Ledbetter could resist it no longer, and he began very cautiously to fold his arms and lower his head to the level of the floor in the hope of peeping under the valance. He moved his feet, and one made a slight scraping on the floor. Suddenly the chinking ceased. Mr. Ledbetter became rigid. After awhile the chinking was resumed. Then it ceased again, and everything was still—except Mr. Ledbetter's heart. That organ seemed to him to be beating like a drum.

The stillness continued. Mr. Ledbetter's head was now on the floor, and he could see the stout legs as far up as the shins. They were quite still. The feet were resting on the toes and drawn back, as it seemed, under the chair of the owner. Everything was quite still. Everything continued still. A wild hope came to Mr. Ledbetter that the unknown was in a fit or suddenly dead, with his head upon the writing table.

The stillness continued. What had happened? The desire to peep became irresistible. Very cautiously Mr. Ledbetter shifted his hand forward, projected a pioneer finger and began to lift the valance immediately next his eye. Nothing broke the stillness. He saw now the stranger's knees, saw the back of the writing table, and then he was staring at the barrel of a heavy revolver pointed over the writing table at his head.

"Come out of that, you scoundrell!" said the voice of the stout gentleman in a tone of quiet concentration. "Come out; this side and now. None of your hanky panky. Come right out, now."

Mr. Ledbetter came right out, a little reluctantly, perhaps, but without any hanky panky and at once, even as he was told.

"Kneel," said the stout gentleman, "and hold up your hands." The valance dropped again behind Mr. Ledbetter, and he rose from all fours and held up his hands. "Dressed like a parson," said the stout gentleman. "I'm dashed if it isn't! A little chap too! You scoundrell! What the devil possessed you to come here tonight? What the devil possessed you to get under my bed?"

He did not appear to require an answer, but proceeded at once to several very objectionable remarks upon Mr. Ledbetter's person and appearance. He was not a very big man, but he looked strong to Mr. Ledbetter; he was as stout as his legs had promised. He had rather delicately chiseled, small features, distributed over a considerable area of whitish face and a number of chins. And the note of his voice had a sort of whispering undertone.

"What the devil," I say, "possessed you to get under my bed?"

Mr. Ledbetter by an effort smiled a wan, propitiatory smile. He coughed. "I can't quite understand," he said—"Why? What on earth? It's soap! No—you scoundrell. Don't you move that hand."

"It's soap," said Mr. Ledbetter. "From your washstand. No doubt it!" "Don't talk," said the stout man. "I see it's soap. Of all incredible things!" "It might explain."

"Don't explain. It's sure to be a lie, and there's no time for explanations. What was I going to ask you? Ah! Have you any mates?"

"In a few minutes, if you—"

"Have you any mates, dash you? If you start any soapy palaver, I'll shoot. Have you any mates?"

"No," said Mr. Ledbetter.

"I suppose it's a lie," said the stout man. "But you'll pay for it if it is. Why the devil didn't you floor me

when I came up stairs? You won't get a chance to now, anyhow. Fancy getting under the bed! I reckon it's a fair cop, anyhow, so far as you are considered."

"I don't see how I could prove an alibi," remarked Mr. Ledbetter, trying to show by his conversation that he was an educated man. There was a pause. Mr. Ledbetter perceived that on a chair beside his captor was a large black bag on a heap of crumpled papers and that there were torn and burned papers on the table, and in front of these, and arranged methodically along the edge, were rows and rows of little yellow rouleaux, a hundred times more gold than Mr. Ledbetter had seen in all his life before. The light of two candles in silver candlesticks fell upon these. The pause continued. "It is rather fatiguing holding up my hands like this," said Mr. Ledbetter, with a deprecatory smile.

"That's all right," said the fat man. "But what to do with you I don't exactly know."

"I know my position is ambiguous."

"Lord!" said the fat man. "Ambiguous! And goes about with his own soap and wears a thundering great clerical collar! You are a blooming burglar, you are, if ever there was one!"

"To be strictly accurate"—said Mr. Ledbetter, and suddenly his glasses slipped off and clattered against his vest buttons.

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Considerate.



"Now, little boy, what should you say after I have given you the penny?" "On de dead, mister, I'd hate ter tell yer in de presence of a lady!"—*New York Journal.*

A Son-in-law's Finish.

"William is always used up for several days after ma starts to California."

"How does that happen?"

"Oh, he always has to go over her railway map with her and tell her what to do and what not to do."—*Detroit Free Press.*

The Poet's Dilemma.

There came a loud knock on the door.

"Opportunity!" cried the poet, rushing across the attic floor.

He held the latch and hesitated.

"One must be careful," he mused. "It may be the wolf."—*Chicago News.*

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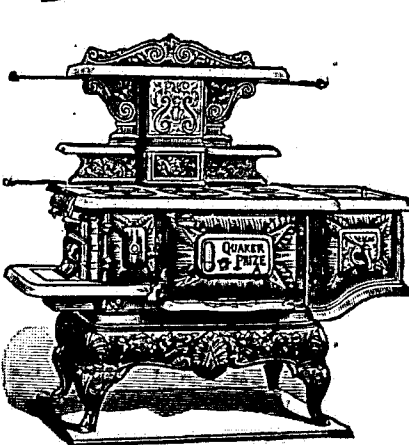
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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 10, 1900.

The dogs of war in South America nowadays seem to have a Peruvian bark.

Do the frequent mistakes made by the weather prophets this year, result from the contagion of campaign guesses?

Thomas Jefferson seems to have been a most prolific old gentleman. There are few orators on either side of the fence, who cannot bolster their arguments by a quotation from Tom.

Now that the Germans have at last reached China, the Empress will find that they take a long time in getting away. That is one of the characteristics that have made the German arms dreaded.

The United States and Great Britain will, of course, be represented at the coming Peace Congress in Paris by orators who will explain how much these two great nations have been doing to bring about the wise rule of arbitration in the settlement of the world's troubles.

Lord Wolseley has had a nightmare and declares that the time will come when China and the United States will fight for the trade of the world. Possibly, but, unless China spruces up considerably, it will be a long time before she can stand against even the smallest one of our states.

It is a curious fact, says the Maine Farmer that Governor Powers has had to do with the composition of the whole bench of Maine with the exception of Judge Strout. He has reappointed during his four years' gubernatorial term, Judge Emery, the senior judge, Judge Haskell, Judge Peters, Judge Whitehouse, and Judge Wiswell, and has appointed as new judges, Judge Savage, Judge Fogler, and Judge Powers. Judge Wiswell he has also appointed chief justice. Now he again must exercise his power as chief executive officer of the State and appoint another justice.

An Epoch-Making Invention.

There seems to be a likelihood that before long movable types for printing will be done away with altogether, and their function, hitherto regarded as indispensable in the art, performed by ingenious photographic processes. The books of the near future, it is predicted, will be made by photography, and it is not improbable that even newspapers will be issued by methods in which the camera and dry-plate will take the place of the font of metal letters and the stereotype from a paper matrix.

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NORTH NORWAY.

Minnie Cox is teaching in Stowe. George Abbott and son are away thrashing.

Mrs. C. W. Cox and children have returned to Hallowell.

Mrs. Amy Marshall had an old-fashioned husking the 6th.

Mrs. Lemuel Gurney of Hebron recently visited at C. D. Herrick's. Hiram Merrill and wife of Mechanic Falls are visiting at Stephen Merrill's.

Amos K. Towne formerly of this town, died very suddenly, Sept. 28, at Riddellville.

Asa Needham and family have been visiting friends in Auburn, the past two weeks.

Baldwin apples are large and red this year. Will Pierce has exceptionally fine ones.

Editor of the News:

I agree with the opinion of Old Timer in last week's paper. Young men and women who go out and systematically canvass from house to house, selling a good book, not only acquire great knowledge of human nature, which is necessary to business success, but also find out that they have power to succeed.

What is Armour but a salesman of meat; Rockefeller but a salesman of oil.

Almost anybody can MAKE patent medicines, flour, oatmeal, soap, etc., but the big fortunes in these lines have been made by the men who knew how to SELL them.

I know that "Galveston; the Horrors of a Stricken City," by Murat Halstead, published by The Dominion Company of Chicago, is a book that would sell easily and rapidly. Whoever gets the opportunity to sell it in this section, and is not afraid to go out and show people he (or she) believes in work and push, is going to make money. It sells for only \$1.50 in cloth, and nearly everybody wants it.

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In a certain town there dwelt a young architect. If he had not been young this story would never have been told. If he had not been an architect it might not have occurred. But since he was both, it did occur in this wise:

A neighboring town was making arrangements to build a public building of some note. The architect was glad of it, for the building of fine buildings was right in his line, and without it he was not happy, neither would he have where to lay his head.

Therefore, when he heard of the town that was planning to put up a fine building, he bought a ticket for the town and went thither.

If the mountain would not come to Mohammed, Mohammed would go to the mountain. So he went to the strange town to get the plans and specifications and to make his plans.

He stopped at the hotel, which seems to have been a very primitive affair, or the best part of this story would never have been told. Now it so happened that this architect was also noted for his aesthetic taste, and his pants bagged at the knees. Anybody knows that pants which bag at the knees are not aesthetic.

A man with a very inferior plan, with pants that had a big advantage over his without. He was not only without pants, but he had had no breakfast. Being without pants is bad enough, and when a man is without both he can have hardly any fun at all.

When it began to approach noon, the architect began to grow uneasy. He got up, but he might have done that long before. He put on his coat and hat, but they did not fill the bill. They did very well as far as they went, but that was not enough. However, that was not the coat's fault. He pulled it down as far as he could, yet that was not far enough.

It was noon and no pants. He was getting desperate. He was hungry, and he was beginning to picture himself as starving to death all alone in a country hotel, with no one to hear his last words. And he had some words to die, so he tried his coat and hat again and ventured to the door. He stuck his head out, not venturing into the hall, for reasons that must be apparent; at any rate, they are more apparent than his pants were.

He could see no one. He returned to his room. He made up his mind to sell his life as dearly as possible. He said to himself he would shout. He did so, and the waiter echoed back his voice as if he had entered into the spirit of the joke and was mocking him.

He wrote a note to leave in his room, which should be found by those who came in search for him after he was dead. And he uttered anathemas upon the head of the witless clerk who had forgotten to return his pants. And he dropped a silent tear on the paper as he thought of the horrid death that was before him. And he was to die in a strange hotel without pants. He had often heard of men dying with their boots on, and it sounded sort of romantic, but where was the romance in dying without his pants?

It was more than he could bear. So he made another last effort to reach somebody and again stuck his head out of the door. He espied the landlady coming down the hall. He kept out of sight as far as possible and asked her if she had seen his pants. She was mortally offended. She told him that she was in better business, she hoped. "Oh, I beg your pardon," the hapless architect moaned, "but won't you send that infernal clerk up here till I make a few remarks to him? I am getting hungry."

She began to grasp the situation, and she disappeared. Presently the clerk came, but it was then 2 o'clock. Breakfast was over, and the rival architects had the job.

What cared he? He had his pants. The things he said to that clerk we will not begin to repeat. Our early training would not permit it.

Moral.—Don't take your pants off to have them pressed.—Alexander Miller in Washington Democrat.

Talked.

"Percy Perkins talked to me all the evening about an absorbing new book he had just read on China."
"Well?"
"When he lent it to me only about one-tenth of the leaves were cut."—Indianapolis Journal.

Our Leisure Class and Titles.
Lord Sayvan-De Livrus—Ah, but your leisure class in this country have no titles.
Miss Sharpe—Nonsense! What's the matter with "hobo," "Weary Willie," "Dusty Roads," and so on?—Philadelphia Press.

Let This Be a Warning to You.
An Atchison woman who three days ago was counted the most popular woman in town has not one friend left. Instead of sympathizing with her friends, as she has heretofore, she began telling them her troubles.—A. Chison Globe.

Opening For Through Traffic.
Stranger—Is that a deep well you are digging?
Larry—Sure, sir, if it gets much deeper O'll rint it to th' government to hurry soldiers through to China.—Chicago News.

One He Takes After.

"Do you think John takes after his father?" asked the old friend.
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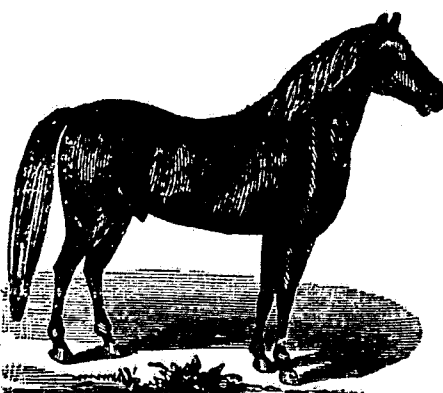
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And the days be chilly and drear; The emerald beauty will shortly pass. Away from the meadow of waving grass; And the lover of nature will murmur, alas!

"Tis evident Autumn is here."
 Otis N. Mason of Boston is on a visit to his old home.

Amos K. Scribner has sold his farm to Geo. D. Morrill.

L. E. Allen is working in the cider mill for A. J. Haskell.

Alden F. Mason of Lewiston was in town the first of the week.

Herman Bennett of Gorham, N. H., was in the village Saturday.

Charles A. Dunham has been spending a week with his sister in Boston.

Five tickets were sold at this station to the Maine Music Festival, Portland.

Millard L. Mason and wife returned to their home in Greenfield, N. H., Saturday.

The crack of some sportsman's rifle may be heard at nearly every hour of the day.

Mrs. L. E. Bean has had a lot of hay pressed and sent on the cars to Gorham, N. H.

Harlan P. Dennison has filled his store with new goods, and is ready for customers.

SOUTH WOODSTOCK.

Mrs. Lydia Bryant passed away Oct. 2, and was laid to rest in Lakeside cemetery Oct. 5. Mrs. Bryant's age was 89 years and 6 months' being one of the oldest citizens of the town, and widow of Mehalan Bryant, one of the sturdy pioneers of Woodstock. She was a very cheerful person and a pleasant friend to all, ever ready to help in the good works of life; although she was blind for the last three years of her life, she still seemed to try to make home happy to all, ever conscious that "He knoweth best."

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Mr. P. W. Curtis went to Lewiston on business Saturday.

Mr. Charles Spofford starts this week for Lonsdale, R. I.

Mr. Harvey Pierce has gone to Hopedale, Mass., to work.

Mr. Jonas Knight of Jamaica Plain was in town last week.

Word is progressing very rapidly on the new Pythian Block.

Mrs. Ella Farwell of York Beach has been visiting relatives here.

Mr. Roy Porter has gone to work for A. E. Thurston at Swift River.

Mr. Harvey Swett of Milton Plantation is visiting relatives in town.

The S. P. G. S. held a lyceum in the High school room Friday evening, Oct. 5.

Extensive repairs are being made on the store formerly occupied by F. A. Shurtleff & Co.

Prof. H. R. Eaton sprained his ankle quite badly while playing football, one day last week.

Quite a number from this place attended the Maine Music Festival at Portland last week.

Mrs. I. W. Royal went to Westboro, Mass., Friday, to visit her daughter, Mrs. Lester DeCoster.

The family of Mr. Herbert Ripley has moved here from Pawhuska, Okl. Mr. Ripley will join them later.

Mr. Frank Kimball of North Paris has moved his family into a rent in the Richardson house on High St.

Mrs. J. P. Richardson was called to Madison, last week, on account of the illness of her sister, Mrs. Culbert.

Mr. Harry Maxim of Portland spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Maxim of this place.

Mr. Fred Dow of Portland, who has been spending the past week with Mr. Wirt Stanley, returned home Monday.

The S. P. H. S. football team played the Mechanic Falls team on the field of the latter, Saturday, Oct. 6. Score, 5 to 0 in favor of Mechanic Falls.

On account of sickness, Miss Katherine Royal was obliged to leave her school in the Forbes district. Miss Sue Porter has been hired to teach the school for the remainder of the term.

After a long illness, Mr. Edwin Pratt passed away at his home in this place, Monday, Oct. 1. The funeral was held Wednesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Frank Pratt.

At the last meeting of the Grange it was voted to hold an all day meeting Saturday, Oct. 27. Norway Grange is invited to be present, and Prof. Bateman is also expected to be present and give one of his interesting talks.

MIDDLE INTERVAL.

Mrs. Brown of Bethel Hill has been sewing for Mrs. Chase.

B. W. Kimball went to Berlin, N. H., last week, for a few days.

Mrs. Jessie Tuttle went back to her home in Berlin, N. H., last Thursday.

Mrs. Katie Holt of East Bethel has been spending a few days with her niece, Mrs. Will Chase.

Mrs. Nancy Farwell and Mrs. Eldridge of Bethel Hill visited Mrs. Rebecca Carter last Wednesday.

Mellin Dustin, who has been spending the summer in this place, started for Springfield, Mass., last Wednesday, but will visit relatives on the way.

Miss Amanda Swan of Dover, N. H., has been here visiting friends.

Arthur and Willie Jordan from Lovell and Lewiston are here on a vacation.

Mr. Aldrich and son of Bethel Hill are cutting wood on the Christopher Bean place.

A. Carver is gathering crops planted at the halves on the Maple & Pine Grove Farm.

Mrs. Knight of Locke Mills and Mrs. Flossie Kimball and child have been guests at the house of Osgood Bros.

W. M. Gibson, agent of Grand Union Tea Co., comes this way every two weeks, selling first class teas with premiums.

GRAFTON.

C. E. Ryerson of Bethel was in town, Thursday, buying hay.

A very heavy thunderstorm Friday night, followed by cooler weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Morse of Norway visited his sister, Mrs. S. W. Pratt, recently.

Augustine Powers of Newry is plastering and finishing rooms in Gilbert Tyler's house.

Osgood Swan and daughter Lillian visited his sister, Mrs. Ruth Brown, at G. A. Otis' last week.

While out walking, September 30, we found a blue violet, and on October 4, several strawberry blossoms.

The party who have been staying at A. L. Farrar's camp left town Saturday. We understand they had quite good success in securing game.

Miss Miranda Eames of Massachusetts has been spending a few days with friends and relatives in this town. Miss Eames has many friends here who are glad to welcome her at any time.

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Mr. Russell is able to ride again. Threshing has been the business of the past week.

Mrs. N. Trask of Bethel recently called on friends here.

A dance will be held in Union Hall this evening.

Mrs. Nellie Silver of Cambridge, Mass., is visiting friends in town.

Mrs. Jessie Russell, who has been quite ill, is slowly recovering.

Mrs. Roscoe Glines of North Rumford came for her sister, Emma Glines, Friday.

Mrs. Lucinda Swain and grand-daughter of Rumford Falls are visiting at J. D. Kimball's and Mrs. Charlotte Swain's.

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MEN OF MAINE.

For years the delegation which Maine has sent to Congress has been the wonder of the nation. It is doubtful if in the whole history of the country, the Representatives from any State ever exercised the influence or possessed the capacity of those who have but recently honored this State in Washington. When Reed and Milliken and Boutelle and Dingley were in the House and Frye and Hale were in the Senate, there was a galaxy of statesmen which could not be equalled, much less excelled, by the men gathered from any other commonwealth. When Reed retired from political life and Dingley passed out into the larger life beyond the grave, there was a feeling that never again could the Pine Tree State wield her former influence in the moulding of national policy. But good men and true have been put forward to fill the gap made by the withdrawal of these two leaders. Congressman Allen, Reed's successor, is of no mean caliber and, while not the peer of his predecessor, is yet a Representative of which any State may well be proud. Congressman Littlefield, who follows the sagacious though quiet Dingley, is a man of splendid parts. It is well within the bounds of truth to say that no man, particularly in these latter days, has in so short a time attained so great a reputation in the national legislature as Charles E. Littlefield. His utterances in Congress have already marked him as a man of wisdom, fearlessness and independence. His is the kind of character that is ever required at the center of governmental authority. The country needs men broad enough of vision to see more than one thing at a time, broad enough to see all things and to see them in their right relation. Time-serving sectional narrowness has been hindering if not destructive in the past; and at the present juncture of national and international affairs would be doubly dangerous. These are days when men must think, and think for themselves; when they must study and think until they have opinions and until their opinions ripen into convictions. The future seems to be more completely wrapped in the present than at any previous epoch in our nation's experience; and unless the man in control of affairs possess sterling qualities evil must surely come. And in this moment of difficulty Maine honors herself and contributes her mite—a mite of might—toward the settlement of the great problems that face America at the opening of the twentieth century. And she does this in no hesitating or uncertain manner. In the State election, held on Monday of this week, the four Congressmen—Boutelle, Burleigh, Allen and Littlefield—were re-elected by majorities ranging from 7,600 to 10,000. At the same time a Legislature overwhelmingly Republican was elected and this insures the return of Eugene Hale to the Senate, so that in the next Congress the delegation from this State remains unchanged.

When one thinks of the comparative insignificance of Maine, the first question that forms itself is "How can these things be?" How is it possible for a community possessing so small a proportion of the wealth and population of the country to send into public life men of such a stamp as to influence largely, if not to dominate, the legislation of the preponderating mass of the Union's property and population? The answer is not far to seek. It is but the natural result of silent forces. On my first visit to the coast of Maine I was much impressed with the beauty of the scenery, the deep-flowing rivers, the island-dotted bays, the frowning headlands, the tree-crowned hills and underneath all and jutting ever and anon into sight the firm, the everlasting rock. The next impression was that of wonder how, out of such forbidding surroundings men ever were able to wrest a living. And wonder increased into astonishment as the homes of the people were entered—not the wealthy and the prominent merely—but the common people, whom Lincoln said God evidently loved best because He made so many of them. In these homes were found not the bare necessities of life only, such as one would most naturally expect to see in a region so niggardly in its offerings to man. They

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were homes indeed, not often, it is true, overflowing with the luxuries of an enervating civilization, but abundant in the possession of the comforts and refinements of a developed human society.

Here, then, is the explanation of Maine's political greatness and the greatness of its public men. They are the worthy sons of worthy sires. The men who had the courage to enter upon a struggle for existence in the face of such adverse circumstances as confronted the first settlers in this State, must have been of no common stock. Otherwise they would not have begun, much less have continued and still less have successfully won the victory over reluctant soil and unpropitious climatic characteristics. The natural qualities of these brave men, intensified and multiplied by their own trying experiences, were bequeathed as their almost only possession to their descendants.

The struggle is constant. From the cradle to the tomb is an unbroken succession of battles for life, the winning of each of which in its turn is essential to continued supremacy over untoward environment. No one department of a man's life can be separated from all other departments, or from any other department, of his life. Each exercises a potent, though often unperceived and unconscious, influence on the other. Hence a life begun and continued under the circumstances existing in Maine, must inevitably produce men of such a stamp as have honored not only the State but the nation by their wisdom, integrity and unflinching stand for the interest of the land they love.

But the men of Maine have not only subdued the rugged land, not only carved productive farms out of dense forests and transformed rocky wastes into verdant fields. Their ambition was not so easily satisfied. The vast deep offered to them another world for conquest; and there, too, have they achieved a glorious victory. Her merchantmen visited every sea and bartered with every tribe. Her fishermen sought mackerel along the New England coast, voyaged to the banks of Newfoundland and beyond in quest of cod and chased the whale to all quarters of the globe. By the daily facing of perils and the endurance of hardships, they built for themselves sturdy characters that have become the richest of legacies to their sons, who as sturdily face perils in national life, and as unflinchingly seek to guide the ship of state through stormy seas and by dangerous reefs.

Pirates may be bold, freebooters may be fearless; but neither pirates nor freebooters can give to their descendants truth and uprightness. What a person does not possess he is unable to bestow upon another. The founders and the developers of Maine were not only strong and courageous, but were honest and God-fearing. They recognized their duty to their fellows and their dependence upon the Almighty. And these qualities have united with the others in rounding out the character of the men of to-day.

With these considerations in mind, it is no longer a mystery why this little State is able to send so many great men to the front and thus exercise so large an influence in the councils of the land

which we all love and whose future prosperity we wish to conserve. Would that there were more Maines and more men of Maine make-up coming into national prominence at this crisis in our development.—Oakdale (Cal.) Graphic.

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PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named:
At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of September in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ordered:
That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Bethel News newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of October, A. D. 1900, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

JOHN A. LIBBY late of Bethel, deceased; petition for appointment of Edwin C. Rowe as administrator, presented by said Edwin C. Rowe, a creditor.

STEPHEN SAUNDERS late of Mauchester, N. H. deceased; petition for distribution of balance remaining in the hands of the administrator, presented by John C. Saunders, administrator.

ISAAC C. HEATH late of Bethel, deceased; petition for license to sell and convey real estate, presented by Ellery C. Park, administrator.

MARTHA A. CONNORS late of Norway, deceased; first and final account presented for allowance by Isaac S. Morrill, administrator.

HARRIE G. CHAPMAN late of Bethel, deceased; first and final account presented for allowance by Horatio N. Upton, administrator.

ADDISON E. HERRICK, Judge of Probate. A true copy—attest:
SW16 ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

NOTICE.
The subscriber hereby gives notice that she has been only appointed administratrix of the estate of
LOLLY A. HEATH late of Bethel, in the County of Oxford deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.
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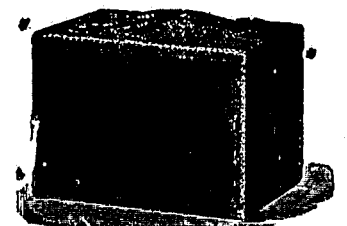
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Pain in the Back

A Sure Sign of Kidney Trouble.
A Trial Bottle Sent Free of a Medicine That Will Stop It.

Let us give you a piece of advice: Pain in the back is an almost infallible sign of kidney disease; a sure sign is the condition of your urine; if you have a pain in the back then look to the condition of your urine. It is easily done. Take a glass tumbler and fill it with urine; after it has stood 24 hours, if it has a sediment, if it is milky or cloudy, if it is pale or discolored, stringy orropy, your kidneys and bladder are in a dangerous condition and need immediate attention, or the consequences may prove fatal.

Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy is the one medicine that really cures all diseases of the kidneys, liver, bladder and blood. Rheumatism, dyspepsia and chronic constipation and corrects the bad effects of whiskey and beer on the system. It is wonderful how it makes that pain in the back disappear, how it relieves the desire to urinate often, especially at night, and drives away that scalding pain in passing water and in a remarkably short time makes you well and strong. Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy is sold at all drug stores for \$1.00 a bottle, or six bottles for \$5.00.

If you would like to try this wonderful medicine you can do so, absolutely free. Send your full name and address to the Dr. David Kennedy Corporation, Rondout, N. Y., when a free bottle, together with a pamphlet of valuable medical advice, will be sent you by mail postpaid, providing you mention this paper when you write. The publishers of this paper guarantee the genuineness of this offer.

GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM

SUMMER TIME
TRAINS FROM ISLAND POND TO
PORTLAND RUN AS FOLLOWS:

	A. M.	P. M.
Island Pond,	1.50 5.55 1.18	
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Gilead,	3.51 3.47 3.21	
West Bethel,	4.04 3.58 3.31	
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Bryant Pond,	4.27 9.23 3.55	
South Paris,	4.54 9.50 4.20	
Portland,	6.40 11.30 5.45	

TRAINS FROM PORTLAND TO ISLAND
POND RUN AS FOLLOWS:

	P. M.	A. M.
Portland,	8.30 1.30 8.15	
South Paris,	10.15 3.38 9.50	
Bryant Pond,	10.45 4.18 10.22	
Locke's Mills,	10.53 4.27 10.31	
BETHEL,	11.04 4.38 10.41	
West Bethel,	11.11 4.46 10.47	
Gilead,	11.23 4.59 10.58	
Gorham,	11.50 5.42 11.24	
Island Pond,	1.50 8.00 1.18	

The train which leaves Island Pond at 1.50 A. M., and the one which leaves Portland at 8.30 P. M., run every day; all others every day except Sunday.

Sunday Excursion.
Portland to Berlin. Leave Bethel 11:10 A. M., arrive in Berlin 12:15 M. Leave Berlin 4 P. M., arrive in Bethel 5:07. Round trip fare from Bethel 40c.



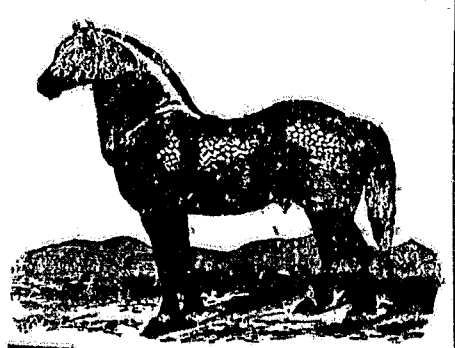
Two Winds came and stood in the light of the campfire.

The Conversion of Sweet Grass

BY W. A. FRASER

"Sweet Grass" was an Indian boy who by sheer grit forced himself to the head of his tribe. How he did it is interesting reading. It is a short story and will be printed in these columns soon. It is one of nine excellent stories, the publication rights of which we have purchased. Our readers will enjoy them.

DON'T MISS THEM



Horses bought, sold and exchanged. A fresh or load each week. Prices low terms easy. A big stock of harnesses on hand. Heavy team harness of our own make a specialty.

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AUBURN, MAINE.

TELEPHONE CALL. 51-3.
Call and see us. Correspondence solicited.

P. S. I will pay a fair price for some good big work horses.



When a woman doesn't take any interest in her housework, her—
When the least exertion tires her—
When her back aches constantly—
her head troubles her—limbs pain, and she feels generally miserable, it's a pretty sure indication that her kidneys are not doing their duty.

That backache is simply kidney ache.

The poison the kidneys should take out of the blood is left in, and is breeding all sorts of dire diseases—

But you can stop it—

Doan's Kidney Pills

Act directly on the kidneys—strengthen them, help them to do their duty.

Read what one grateful woman has to say about it.

Mrs. S. Lake, professional nurse, residing at 39 Temple street, Nashua, N. H., says:

"It afforded me great pleasure early in the spring of 1898 to testify to the wonderful value of Doan's Kidney Pills. I had suffered for four or five years with severe pain across the small of my back and had been unable to obtain any permanent relief until I took a course of their treatment. It affords me greater pleasure now, and it is nearly three years since I gave my original statement for publication, to say that my opinion of Doan's Kidney Pills has been strengthened instead of weakened by the lapse of time. Not only was the cure effected in my case permanent, but I know of many others in Nashua who have reason to be thankful for the existence of this remarkable preparation."

Doan's Kidney Pills for sale by all dealers, price 50 cents. Mailed by Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the U. S. Remember the name, Doan's, and take no substitute.

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H. L. Haynes, Proprietor.

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The Shirts are Finished by Hand

the collars and cuffs are ironed as good as new every time.

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Four good shirts will last a year if laundered by our method.

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1900

The new popular designs are now ready at our office.

We have the very latest types for fashionable cards, invitations, etc.

THE NEWS PRINT,

BETHEL.

Our Young Readers

Out in every tempest, out in every gale, buffeting the weather, wind and storm and hail;

In the meadow mowing, in the shady wood,

Letting in the sunlight, where the tall oaks stood.

Every fitting moment, each skillful hand employs—

Bless me! were there ever things like farmers' boys?

WONOSSOANANAC.

A Boy's First Story.

Before a great campfire sat the Indians. There were forty of them in all. Their chief was a large strapping fellow called Wonossoanac, (He-who-kills-the-deer).

He wore a pair of moccasins, elegantly fringed, and a belt of deerskin, from which hung the tails of many silver foxes, and which was ornamented with knives that was stuck in at convenient places.

A bearskin thrown over his shoulder with the two fore-legs held by a piece of wampum and crossed on his breast, completed his strange attire.

By way of ornaments he wore a few eagle's feathers stuck in his scalp-lock; the teeth and largest claws of the grisly bear formed a rude necklace for him, while he was decorated all over with strings of wampum, thus showing his wealth.

On his breast was tattooed the totem of his tribe, the grisly bear, while on his arm were drawn both the figures of the stag and of the gray wolf.

Wonossoanac was the most noted hunter for miles around, and chiefly as the hunter of the deer, as his name signified. On this particular occasion he had come on his yearly deer-hunt. He had brought with him several large companies of men, but these he now left behind and pushed forward with the principal chiefs.

After several solemn rites, needful to the success of the expedition, had been done, the party started. They had not gone far when they came to a large idol that looked as if it were made out of solid stone, afterwards found to be hollow, before which they fell on the ground, chanting a solemn song and imploring their god to help them, after which they went on their way.

The woods had put on their gayest clothes, the priests said in honor of the great occasion, and now rustled softly in the evening breeze.

After a little while the leader stopped and dropped softly into the grass, the rest following his example, for there, about fifty yards in front of them stood a noble stag, its head thrown up to take a last sniff of the air, before, with a large bound, he started for a mountain which stood in the distance. The Indians followed, there was no need for silence now.

Wonossoanac led the way and soon caught up with the deer. The deer charged at him, but he cunningly evaded its furious and somewhat ungoverned charge by climbing with great agility up a neighboring tree. The deer instead of foolishly waiting under the tree until the others, who were slower, arrived, made for the mountain which had been its goal.

Before the others could arrive he had disappeared into the midst of a seemingly impenetrable mountain. The Indians immediately thought that they had been chasing a god in the guise of a deer. They fell down on their knees and implored his forgiveness.

On their way home they discovered the cleft in the mountain through which the deer had entered, but it was now too late to catch it. They, however, caught two does which we hope were not goddesses in disguise.

PERRY FOOTE NARTEN.

Old-Fashioned Accomplishments Out of Fashion.

"I want a young man to go into my office," said a busy man of affairs to the head of a business high school not long ago, "and my requirements are very simple. I want an earnest, industrious boy, who can spell well, write a good hand, possesses at least, a fair general knowledge, and who can carry out intelligently the direc-

tions that are given to him."

"Your requirements are hard to meet," replied the teacher. Plenty of boys are looking for situations, but few of them like the conditions you impose. They do not think it worth while to learn to spell; we do everything in this school to persuade them of the importance of the accomplishment; but the boys hear of great and successful men who cannot spell, and many of them are led to think they may get along in the world without that accomplishment. Others do not relish the persistent work of acquiring a good handwriting or of learning to run the typewriter skillfully, which is now so necessary in many lines of work. They want easier roads to success."

It is to be hoped that this teacher takes an unnecessarily gloomy view of the boys of the present generation. He doubtless does. It is the testimony, however, of all employers that only a small part of the young men seeking positions comprehend the real seriousness of life's competition, and the necessity of preparation in those seeming trifles, which count toward perfection.

Good general information is of the utmost value, and yet an employer who puts a few tests of this kind to a number of nineteen-year-old applicants for a position will be grievously disappointed with the result. Geography and history they have in many instances forgotten; on arithmetic they are "rusty;" the events of the day, except in the baseball world, many of them do not even try to learn.

In spite of the keen industrial competition of the present day there are still splendid opportunities for young men and women who will come forward to take their part in the fullest sense of the word to make their service valuable.

You assume no risk when you buy Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. G. R. Wiley, Bethel; A. S. Bean, West Bethel; W. H. Crockett, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; A. R. Small & Son, Bryant Pond, will refund your money if you are not satisfied after using it. It is everywhere admitted to be the most successful remedy in use for bowel complaints and the only one that never fails. It is pleasant, safe and reliable.

The friends of every preacher claim that he has answered Ingersoll.

Very truly,
Dr. E. BAILEY,
DENTIST,

Journal Block,
Lewiston, Maine.

How Kind!

Prospective Father-in-law—Have you any business experience?

Son-in-law—No, sir! We shall allow you to attend to all our financial affairs.—New York Journal.

Looked Like Laundry Checks.

Messenger (to British general in China)—General, we have just captured a bearer of dispatches, but we can't make out the dispatches.

British General—Are they in cipher?

Messenger—Cipher? No. They're in Chinese.—Chicago Tribune.

Particularly Campaign Orators.

He—I wonder why a man's hair turns gray before his beard?

She—Lack of exercise, I suppose. Most men work their jaws more than their brains.—Indianapolis Press.

As Clear as Mud.

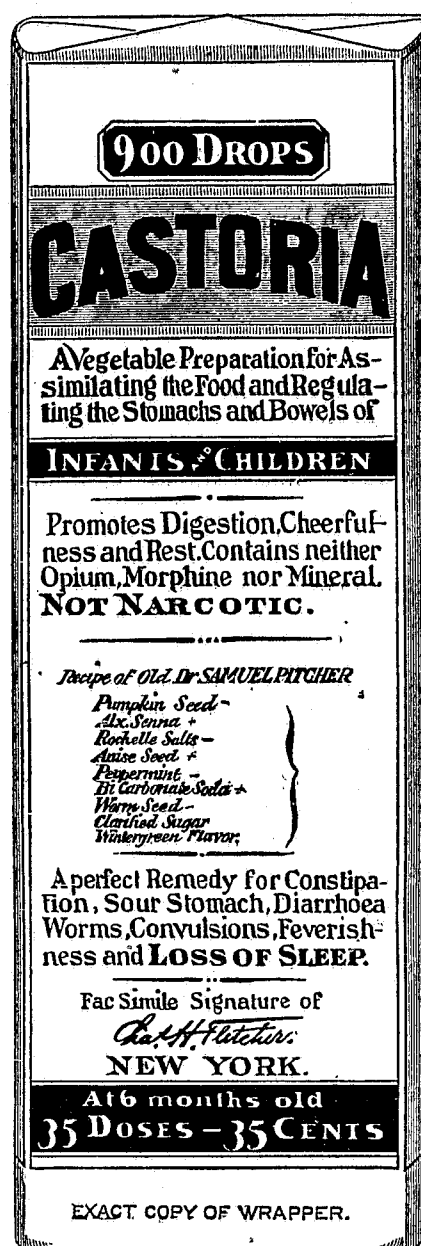
"Uncle Jim, what is a technicality?"

"A technicality? Well, little Jim, it's a thing which helps a man escape the law or helps the law convict him."—Indianapolis Journal.

Not Headquarters.

"What did her father say?"

"He said he couldn't understand why I came to him—all his property was in his wife's name."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.



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The Kind You Have Always Bought

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Autumn Dress Making

Carries with it a hundred and one perplexities as to Style, Material and Cost.

The information women need at this time is crowded into the pages of the

October DELINEATOR. 100 Illustrations

of clothing, millinery, etc., and several pages in colors. Price Fifteen cents

For sale in our

Pattern Department.

This department will repay a visit on the part of patrons who wish to make their own clothes.

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For the Next Few Weeks,

While repairs are being made on our old store, we shall remain in the

The Selectmen's Rooms, I. O. O. F.

Block, where we have been located. Thanking you for your continued patronage, we remain Yours respectfully,

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New Wants, To Let, For Sale, Lost, Found and similar advertisements will be found on page 7.
Business Cards on page 6.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 10, 1900

LOCKE MILLS.

The long looked for rain has arrived.

Mrs. Bean is visiting at Ira Jordan's in Bethel, this week.

Mr. Dana Grant is slowly recovering from his illness.

The Ladies' Sewing Circle met last week, with Mrs. Clara Brown.

Mrs. O. L. Stone has been visiting her parents in Bethel, the past week.

Mr. Amos Buck has moved into Perry Farrington's rent at the upper end of the village.

Rev. O. L. Stone has been assisting Rev. W. E. Purington in revival meetings at Rumford Centre, the past week.

E. W. Lane
This signature is on every box of the genuine
Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets,
the remedy that cures a cold in one day.

Born, Sept. 24, to the wife of Albert Fuller, a daughter.

Fred Lane is making preparations to resume logging on Swift river. He intends to start for camp next week.

It is understood that Twitchell and Champlin are to put eight millions of timber into Umbagog lake this winter.

Died, Oct. 4, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Thomas Warren, aged about 1 year. Rev. Mr. Keith of Andover preached the funeral sermon at the church Saturday. He remained over Sunday and had a preaching service also at the church.

A. M. Coolidge, who was so severely injured last Thursday, is still in a very critical condition; one of the upper ribs on the left side is fractured and the physicians say a splinter is intruding into the lung. He coughs up considerable blood and is kept under the influence of morphine to keep him as quiet as possible. Dr. Twaddle of Bethel, assisted by Dr. Twitchell recently connected with the Maine General Hospital, who was at his camp on the Lake, dressed the wound at first, and since then Dr. Twaddle has attended the patient.

A boon to travelers. Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry. Cures Dysentery, diarrhoea, sea-sickness, nausea. Pleasant to take. Acts promptly.

What Shall We Have for Dessert?
This question arises in the family every day. Let us answer it to-day. Try Foss & Sons' delicious dessert. Prepared in two minutes. No baking; add hot water and set to cool. Flavors—Lemon, Orange, Raspberry and Strawberry. At your grocers. 10 cents. 15

T. F. FOSS & SONS

Our Bethel friends are reminded that we are headquarters for

WINDOW SHADES.

All Prices from 25 cents up.

Any size you desire made to order.

COR. CONGRESS & PREBLE STS. PORTLAND

RUMFORD FALLS.

Miss C. J. Hall returned from Boston last week.

Many of our people attended the Festival at Portland.

Miss Georgia Kelley is visiting friends in New York.

Mrs. Z. Morse of Lewiston visited in town last week.

Lewis Gaubert of Richmond, has been engaged as clerk in Cates' drug store.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Curtis and son of Auburn spent Sunday with F. J. Rolfe.

The little daughter of Mrs. J. W. Hall broke her arm at the elbow joint last week.

Mr. Ralph Lewis intends to move his family to Millinocket in the near future.

A large number of the teachers of Rumford and Mexico attended the convention at Dixfield last week.

Mr. Bert Brawn is to be the driver of the new wagon of the American Express Co., which arrived last week.

Mr. E. P. Goodwin has purchased recently in Riddellville, two house lots, also the Gardner Lovejoy place at South Rumford.

Stanley Bisbee is doing a good business, this fall, putting in furnaces. The work of setting them is superintended by Goodwill Douglass.

Guy L. Hunton left for his home in Old Town, last Thursday, where he has a better situation in the shops of the Bangor & Aroostook R. R.

Mr. N. P. Israelson has severed his connection with the firm of Israelson & Hanson, and has gone to Portland where he will conduct business for the Maine Casualty Insurance Co.

Mr. A. F. Ames, who for the past six years has been foreman in the harness shop of H. E. Ramsdell and J. F. Hall, has bought the harness business at Livermore Falls and is moving his family there.

Everett K. Day and John J. Calhoun, two of our enterprising dealers, have been distributing attractive advertising matter in town and vicinity. This year they present an attractive thermometer.

Mrs. C. W. Adams and son, who have been visiting relatives in town, started on their homeward trip to California last week. They will remain several weeks in St. Paul, Minn. Mr. G. C. Eastman accompanied them to Boston.

DIXFIELD.

Mr. Scott Chase is quite feeble.

Mrs. Delphina Root is in poor health.

Mrs. Mary Kimball, an aged and respected lady died Oct. 6.

About 100 attended the Teachers' Convention here, last week.

Mr. J. P. Edmunds took a business trip to Weld, Thursday.

Misses Abbie Howe and Florence Marsh are visiting friends in Portland.

Mrs. Mary Monahan and her son have gone to Dedham, Mass., on a visit.

A game of football was played here, Saturday, between the Rumfords and Hebrons. The score was 6 to 5 in favor of Hebrons.

Miss Verna Holman accompanied by her friend, Mrs. Annie Westcott, was at home from Hebron Academy over Sunday.

Mrs. Harriet Edmunds returned to Roxbury, Mass., Monday, where she will spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. S. A. Lake.

Mr. W. G. Harlow and sister, Miss Ione, returned home from Boston, Saturday, where they have been to purchase their fall and winter goods.

Mrs. George Marsh and daughter Josie are at their former home in Sullivan, being called there by the critical illness of Mrs. Marsh's mother.

How Are Your Kidneys?
Dr. J. H. B. Spang's Pills cure all kidney ills. Sample free. Add: Sterling Remedy Co., Chicago or N. Y.

NEWRY CORNER.

"Dressed in regal splendor—valley, plain, and hill:

Feasts of nation's making spread for all who will;

Wine of King Frost's vintage, gladdening every heart;

Oh, in autumn's banquet just to have a part!"

Asa West of Upton, was in town last week.

Mrs. Goodnow is now at work on her fourth silk quilt.

Miss Ethel Hastings attended the Music Festival.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Powers of Rumford Falls, have been visiting in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Harlow have been entertaining friends from Lewiston.

Rev. W. H. Congdon called upon his invalid parishioners, last Tuesday.

D. S. Hastings, lately returned from Montana, was in town last Tuesday.

The subject of our Sunday discourse by Rev. W. H. Congdon was "Decision for God in Youth."

Our friends have decided that the third Maine Music Festival surpassed the second, even as the second surpassed the first.

The unbelieving man who denied the existence of a wild animal hereabouts, has lately seen it and declares it to be a dog.

John Files and family, who have been living in the once "Bear River House," have returned to their former home in Stoneham.

On Thursday, Bear River Grange instructed candidates in the third and fourth degrees; some time was devoted to the discussion of the question.

When you cannot sleep for coughing, it is hardly necessary that any one should tell you that you need a few doses of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to allay the irritation of the throat, and make sleep possible. It is good.

For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel, A. S. Bean, W. Bethel; W. H. Crockett, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead; A. R. Small & Son, Bryant Pond.

All except bad ones!

There are hundreds of cough medicines which relieve coughs, all coughs, except bad ones!

The medicine which has been curing the worst of bad coughs for 60 years is Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

Here is evidence:

"My wife was troubled with a deep-seated cough on her lungs for three years. One day I thought of how Ayer's Cherry Pectoral saved the life of my sister after the doctors had all given her up to die. So I purchased two bottles, and it cured my wife completely. It took only one bottle to cure my sister. So you see that three bottles (one dollar each) saved two lives. We all send you our heartfelt thanks for what you have done for us."—J. H. BURGE, Macon, Col., Jan. 13, 1899.

Now, for the first time you can get a trial bottle of Cherry Pectoral for 25 cents. Ask your druggist.

LAUGHING GAS.

The Westerner's Tale.
In Arkansas along the road I stopped my horse and smiled

An old gray haired man, who sat mid ruins on the side,

It looked as if a cyclone had passed o'er this lonely trail,

And so I asked the man, and thus he told to me his tale:

"No, stranger, 'twasn't a cyclone that wiped out this little town.

One day a chap named 'Burl' Meade blowed in an settled down

Here in this place an started up a whisky joint, an that

Was 'gint the doctrine of the town, an so we told him flat.

"We also told him easy if he didn't go, some night

His place would journey skyward by the route of dynamite;

But, stranger, how he fooled us, an he turned us mighty pale

When next day he hung a sign out, 'Nitroglycerin For Sale!'

"Well, we knew in jist a minute that to blow him up 'ud be

To also blow ourselves into the realms of mystery.

An he'd been runnin' yet, would this here 'Burl' Meade,

If there hadn't been a feller in the town what couldn't read!"

—Indianapolis Sun.

A Refusal.
Since this was what you meant to say,

I wish that I had never spoken!

But yet, when'er you looked my way,

Though this was what you meant to say,

Your blue eyes told me, day by day

(I thought) that silence might be broken.

And this was what you meant to say!

I wish that I had never spoken!

—Fall Mail Gazette.

One of the First.
"Yes, he is one of our first citizens."

"He doesn't look it. I should judge from his appearance that he is a very ordinary person."

"He is so far as that is concerned, but his name is Abner Arons, and it's mighty seldom that anybody comes before him in the directory."—Chicago Times-Herald.

His Love.
I love my love in the morning,

For she, like the morn, is fair—

That is to say,

Late in the day,

When she has crimped her hair.

I love my love in the morning,

I love my love at noon,

For she's sublime

At luncheon time.

If I don't get home too soon.

I love my love in the morning,

I love my love at eve,

Unless she's cross

And wants to boss,

And then I want to leave!

—Somerville Journal.

Has Money to Buy Christmas Gifts.
Stubb—I tell you Brooks solves this vacation problem in a clever way.

Penn—How does he manage it?

Stubb—Well, he goes around collecting these "Where to Go" booklets, and by the time he gets through them all it is autumn and too late to start.—Chicago News.

Yellow.
The color that we all dislike

Is yellow;

The boxer with a head on pike

Is yellow;

The dragon blots a yellow plain,

Each road is but a yellow lane,

All China seems one mighty stain

Of yellow.

The banner each sensation flies

Is yellow;

The tint of all the glowing ties

Is yellow;

For each is peened in yellow ink

By scribes who through buff glasses blink,

And all the crooked thoughts they think

Are yellow.

—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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FINE DRESS SUITS \$10 and \$12. We want you to see them.

NEAT BUSINESS SUITS \$7, \$7.50, \$8, \$10.

DURABLE WORK SUITS \$5, \$6, \$7, \$7.50.

We are showing good values in Fashionable Overcoats.

Let us clothe you this fall, it will pay you.

We sell the 20th Century Hats—Newest thing out.

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In Furniture are as certain to attract attention as an exposed position is sure to draw the fire of hostile batteries. Not to take pride in your home is something more than an eccentricity. Beautiful furniture is to a room what flowers are to a garden and a perennial spring of satisfaction. You cannot overlook bargains in furniture any more than you can miss seeing the sunshine. They strike everybody at home, and just now we are holding out inducements with our new and elegant stock, which are enough to make a miser branch out into lavish expenditure. We are showing superb novelties and you will show exceptional sagacity by buying now.

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